

MATH 217 W24 - LINEAR ALGEBRA, Section 001 (Dr. Paul Kessenich)
Homework Set Part B due ??? at 11:59pm
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1. Question

- (a) Prove that F is alternating if and only if $F(\vec{u}, \vec{v}) = -F(\vec{v}, \vec{u})$ for all $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

Solution: By bilinearity, we know

$$\begin{aligned} F(u+v, v+u) &= 0 \\ F(u, v+u) + F(v, v+u) &= 0 \\ F(u, v) + F(u, u) + F(v, v) + F(v, u) &= 0 \\ F(u, v) + 0 + 0 + F(v, u) &= 0 \\ F(u, v) + F(v, u) &= 0 \\ F(u, v) &= -F(v, u) \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Prove that if F is alternating and $F(\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2) = 1$, then $F(\vec{u}, \vec{v}) = \det[\vec{u} \ \vec{v}]$ for all $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

Solution: Express \vec{u} and \vec{v} as linear combinations of e_1, e_2 :

$$\vec{u} = u_1\vec{e}_1 + u_2\vec{e}_2 \text{ and } \vec{v} = v_1\vec{e}_1 + v_2\vec{e}_2$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} F(\vec{u}, \vec{v}) &= F(u_1\vec{e}_1 + u_2\vec{e}_2, v_1\vec{e}_1 + v_2\vec{e}_2) \\ &= F(u_1\vec{e}_1, v_1\vec{e}_1 + v_2\vec{e}_2) + F(u_2\vec{e}_2, v_1\vec{e}_1 + v_2\vec{e}_2) && \text{(bilinearity)} \\ &= F(u_1\vec{e}_1, v_1\vec{e}_1) + F(u_1\vec{e}_1, v_2\vec{e}_2) + F(u_2\vec{e}_2, v_1\vec{e}_1) + F(u_2\vec{e}_2, v_2\vec{e}_2) \\ &= u_1v_1F(\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_1) + u_1v_2F(\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2) + u_2v_1F(\vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_1) + u_2v_2F(\vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_2) \\ &= u_1v_1(0) + u_1v_2(1) + u_2v_1(-1) + u_2v_2(0) && \text{(alternating)} \\ &= u_1v_2 - u_2v_1 \\ &= \det \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & v_1 \\ u_2 & v_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \det[\vec{u} \ \vec{v}] \end{aligned}$$

2. (a) Prove that T is a linear transformation.

Solution: Let $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$, and $c \in \mathbb{R}$.

T respects addition:

$$T(A + B) = (A + B)M = AM + BM = T(A) + T(B)$$

by distributivity of matrix multiplication.

T respects scalar multiplication:

$$T(cA) = (cA)M = c(AM) = cT(A)$$

by properties of matrix multiplication.

Since T respects addition and scalar multiplication, it is linear.

- (b) Find the \mathcal{E} -matrix $[T]_{\mathcal{E}}$ of T , where \mathcal{E} is the ordered basis

$$\mathcal{E} = (E_{11}, E_{12}, E_{21}, E_{22}) = \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

of $\mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$. Your answer should be in terms of the entries of M .

Solution:

$$[T]_{\mathcal{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c|c} & \\ \hline [T(E_{11})]_{\mathcal{E}} & [T(E_{12})]_{\mathcal{E}} \\ \hline & \end{array} & \begin{array}{c|c} & \\ \hline [T(E_{21})]_{\mathcal{E}} & [T(E_{22})]_{\mathcal{E}} \\ \hline & \end{array} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[T(E_{11})]_{\mathcal{E}} = \left[\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right]_{\mathcal{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[T(E_{12})]_{\mathcal{E}} = \left[\begin{bmatrix} c & d \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right]_{\mathcal{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[T(E_{21})]_{\mathcal{E}} = \left[\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ a & b \end{bmatrix} \right]_{\mathcal{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[T(E_{22})]_{\mathcal{E}} = \left[\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \right]_{\mathcal{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[T]_{\mathcal{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} a & c & 0 & 0 \\ b & d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a & c \\ 0 & 0 & b & d \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) Compute $\det[T]_{\mathcal{E}}$.

Solution: Using the Laplace expansion on our result from (b),

$$\begin{aligned}
 \det[T]_{\mathcal{E}} &= \begin{vmatrix} a & c & 0 & 0 \\ b & d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a & c \\ 0 & 0 & b & d \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= a \begin{vmatrix} d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & c \\ 0 & b & d \end{vmatrix} - c \begin{vmatrix} b & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a & c \\ 0 & b & d \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= ad \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{vmatrix} - bc \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= (ad - bc)^2 \\
 &= a^2d^2 - 2abcd + b^2c^2
 \end{aligned}$$

(d) Compute $\det[T]_{\mathcal{B}}$.

Solution: The determinant of a transformation is the same in any basis. So it will be the same as part (c), or $(ad - bc)^2 = a^2d^2 - 2abcd + b^2c^2$.

(e)

3. Prove that there exists a unique vector $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^4$ such that $T(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{z} \cdot \mathbf{x}$ for all $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4$, and find the components of \mathbf{z} in terms of the vectors \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , and \mathbf{w} . (Hint: $\mathbf{x} = x_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + x_2 \mathbf{e}_2 + x_3 \mathbf{e}_3 + x_4 \mathbf{e}_4$.)